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Executive Summary

The Annual Report Card (ARC) is distributed to agency managers and to the legislative committees dealing with children and youth. The ARC for State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2002 consists of three parts:

- I. **Performance Indicators**, which provide information on service outcomes, such as:
 - Percentage of Families with True Allegations of Child Maltreatment Three Months, Six Months and One Year After a Previous True Report;
 - Percentage of Siblings in Placement Who Are Placed Together; and
 - Percentage of Children Living With Adoptive Families Within Twelve Months of the Termination of Parental Rights.
- II. **Compliance Index**, which reports on the Division's compliance with requirements set by DCFS with guidance from the Arkansas legislative children and youth committees, such as:
 - Timely Completion of Child Maltreatment Assessments;
 - 24- and 72-Hour Initial Health Screenings for Children Entering Foster Care; and
 - Foster Home Recruitment.
- III. **Description of Population and Services**, which describes the children who were the subjects of maltreatment reports, were served in foster care and were provided adoption services, such as:
 - Types of Allegations in Child Maltreatment Reports;
 - Permanency Goals of Children in Foster Care; and
 - Characteristics of Children Placed in Adoptive Homes.

The ARC provides this information on a yearly basis, showing trends over time. Descriptions of the client population at the various service stages are provided as well, so that the agency has information on populations and issues to target in efforts to improve performance.

PART I: PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

The Division of Children and Family Services (DCFS) has established eight performance indicators to measure progress with regard to its major goals of child safety, permanency and well-being.

The Division has continued its efforts toward meeting these goals. However, there were three areas for improvement this year:

- *Percentage of Families with True Allegations of Child Maltreatment Three Months, Six Months and One Year after a Previous True Report*

The percentage of families with true allegations of child maltreatment within three months of a true report (**5%**) increased by two percentage points from SFY 2001.

The percentage for maltreatment at six months (**8%**) and one year (**11%**) after a previous true report each increased by three percentage points from SFY 2001.

- *Percentage of Children in Foster Care Who Experienced More than Three Placements within the Past Eighteen Months*

The percentage of children with more than three placements within the past eighteen months increased to **20 percent**, up one percentage point from SFY 2001.

- *Percentage of Siblings in Placement Who are Placed Together*

The percentage of siblings who were placed with at least one sibling experienced a decrease from 79 percent in SFY 2000 to 73 percent in SFY 2002.

PART II: COMPLIANCE INDEX

DCFS has set compliance measures with guidance from the House Committee on Aging, Children and Youth, Legislative and Military Affairs and the Senate Interim Committee on Children and Youth. An index is compiled by reporting the level of compliance with these measures.

The Division improved in four areas regarding compliance requirements this fiscal year:

- *Timely Initiation of Child Maltreatment Assessments*

The percentage for timely initiations increased to **85 percent**, a one percentage point increase from SFY 2001, but below the goal of 95 percent.

- *Timely Completion of Child Maltreatment Assessments*

The percentage for timely completion stood at **79 percent**, slightly higher than SFY 2001 (78%), but below the goal of 90 percent.

- *72-Hour Initial Health Screenings for Children Entering Foster Care*

The percentage for 72-hour initial health screenings stood at **89 percent**, three percentage points higher than SFY 2001 (86%), but below the goal of 95 percent.

- *Comprehensive Health Assessments*

The percentage for comprehensive health assessments stood at **88 percent**, a one percent increase over SFY 2001 (87%), but below the goal of 95 percent.

While the Division improved in four areas, there were three other areas which decreased in compliance this fiscal year, including:

- *24-Hour Initial Health Screenings for Children Entering Foster Care*

The percentage for 24-hour initial health screenings decreased to **84 percent**, two percentage points lower than SFY 2001 (86%), and below the goal of 95 percent.

- *Foster Home Recruitment*

The percentage for foster-home recruitment dropped to **85 percent** (271 homes), a decrease of ten percentage points from SFY 2001 (95%), and below the goal of 320 new homes per year.

- *Foster Home Re-evaluations*

The percentage for foster-home re-evaluation decreased to **79 percent**, down two percentage points from SFY 2001 (81%), and below the goal of 95 percent.

PART III: DESCRIPTION OF POPULATION AND SERVICES

This section describes the number and status of maltreatment assessments, services provided, children who were subjects of maltreatment reports, children who were served in foster care and children provided adoption services.

There were no remarkable differences in population and services between SFY 2001 and SFY 2002. However when trends were observed from SFY 1999 to SFY 2002, there were notable differences, including:

- *Supportive Services, Protective Services, and Foster Care*

The combined number of supportive services, protective services and foster care cases increased by two percent from last year, but has increased by **22 percent** from SFY 1999 (13,273 cases) to SFY 2002 (16,260 cases).

- *Foster Care Children by Age*

There was a five percent increase in the number of foster children ages 12 and older from last year, but a **48 percent** increase from SFY 1999 (1,705 children) to SFY 2002 (2,521 children).

- *Lengths of Time Children are in Foster Care*

The percentage of children who remain in care six months or less decreased two percentage points to **46 percent**, but still remains eight percentage points higher than SFY 1999 (38%).

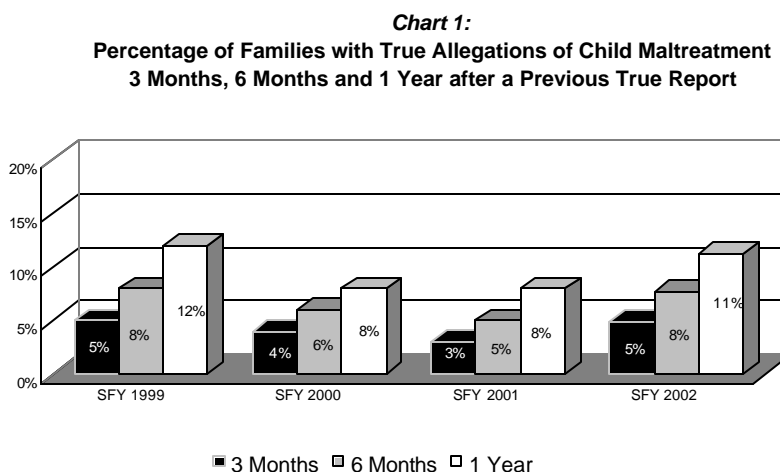
Part I: Performance Indicators

The Division has established eight performance measures that indicate its level of achievement with its major goals of child safety, family preservation and permanency:

- *Percentage of families with true allegations of child maltreatment within three months, six months and one year after a previous true report;*
- *Percentage of foster families with true cases of maltreatment;*
- *Percentage of children receiving Protective Services, Supportive Services, or Intensive Family Services (IFS) who were abused or neglected within one year of the initiation of services;*
- *Percentage of children receiving Protective Services, Supportive Services, or IFS who entered foster care within one year of the initiation of services;*
- *Percentage of children in foster care who returned home within eighteen months;*
- *Percentage of children entering foster care who experienced more than three placements within the past eighteen months;*
- *Percentage of siblings in placement who are placed together; and*
- *Percentage of children living with adoptive families within twelve months of termination of parental rights.*

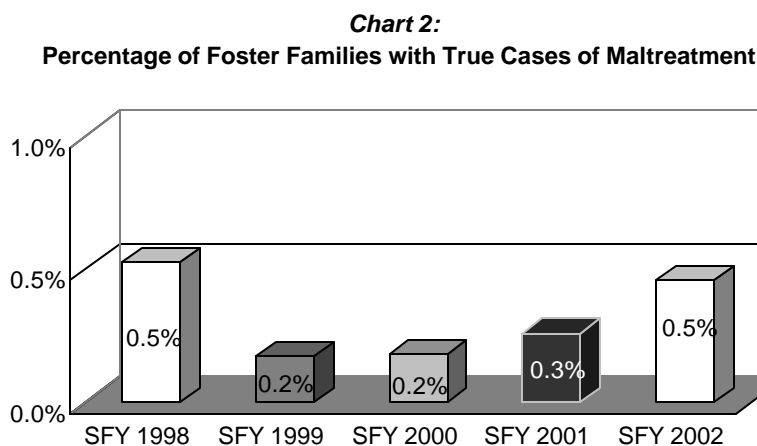
Percentage of Families with True Allegations of Child Maltreatment Three Months, Six Months and One Year After a Previous True Report

Of the 5,789 families who were involved in a true report of maltreatment between July 2000 and June 2001, 286 families (5%) experienced a repeat true allegation of maltreatment within 3 months of the initial report. Of those same 5,789 families, 444 families (8%) were involved in a repeat true report within 6 months of the original report and 654 (11%) were involved in a repeat true report within 12 months of the first report.¹ All percentages were higher than SFY 2001.



Percentage of Foster Families with True Cases of Maltreatment

There were 24 foster home maltreatment reports received during SFY 2002. Of these 24 reports, six were found to be true. Based on the 1,293 open DCFS foster homes during the

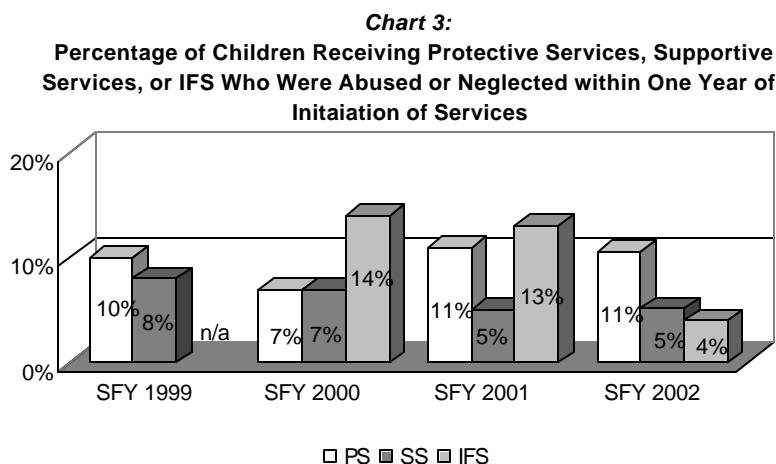


year, the percentage of foster families with true reports of maltreatment was .5 percent. This percentage was slightly higher than SFY 2001. DCFS continues to demonstrate its commitment to provide safe homes for children in its care.

¹ Of the 654 repeat referrals during the year, 320 (49%) involved both the same type of abuse and the same perpetrator.

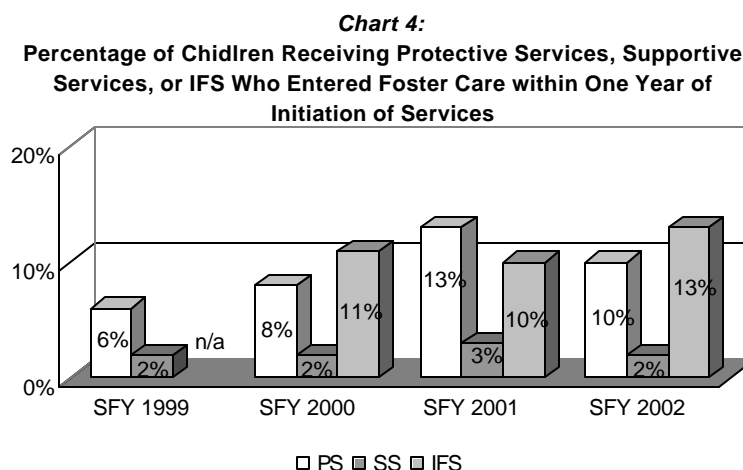
Percentage of Children Receiving Protective Services, Supportive Services, or IFS Who Were Abused or Neglected Within One Year of Initiation of Services

There were 10,373 children who began receiving protective services between July 2000 and June 2001. Of those children, 1,093 (11%) experienced a new true report of maltreatment within one year. There were 1,145 children who began supportive services during the same time period, and of that number, 59 children (5%) were involved in a true maltreatment report within one year of initiation of services. Of the 315 children who began receiving IFS, 13 children (4%) were involved in a true report within a year of the initiation of services.²



Percentage of Children Receiving Protective Services, Supportive Services or IFS Who Entered Foster Care Within One Year of Initiation of Services

Of those 10,373 children who began receiving protective services between July 2000 and June 2001, 1,017 children (10%) entered foster care within one year of the initiation of those services.



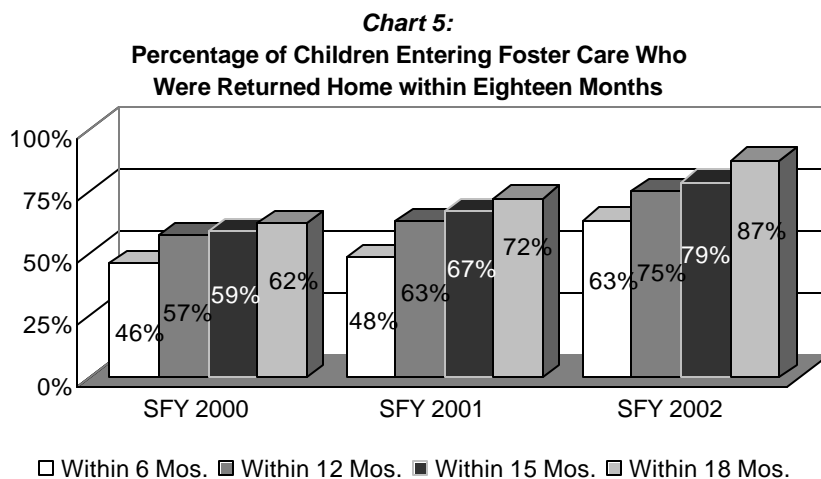
Of the 1,145 children who began receiving supportive services during the same period, only 24 children (2%) entered foster care within one year of initiation of services. Of the 315 children who began receiving IFS, 41 children (13%) entered care within a year of the initiation of services.

² Generally, families receiving Supportive Services have less severe problems, while families receiving IFS are, by definition, in imminent risk of having one or more children placed in foster care or already have children in foster care, with Protective Services families falling somewhere between those extremes. In this light, it is not surprising that IFS tends to have the highest rate of entry into foster care.

Percentage of Children In Foster Care Who Were Returned Home Within Eighteen Months

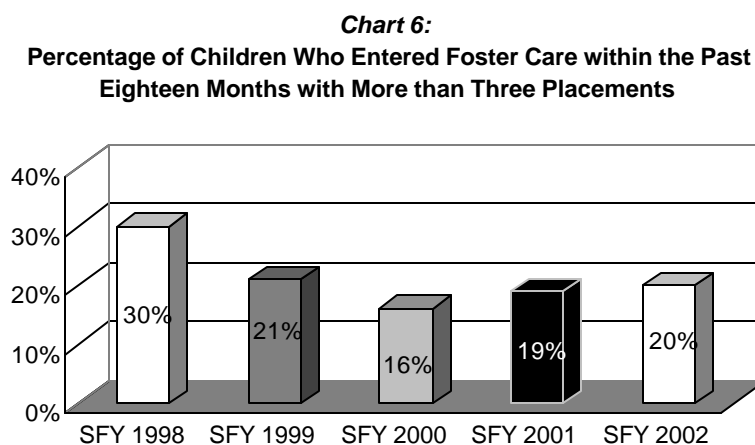
There were 3,380 children who entered foster care between January 2000 and December 2000. Of that number, 2,141 children (63%) returned home within 6 months, 2,538 children (75%) returned home within 12 months, 2,661 children (79%) returned home within 15 months, and

2,952 children (87%) returned home within 18 months of entering foster care. This number represents the highest percentage of children returning home within eighteen months since SFY 2000.



Percentage of Children In Foster Care Who Experienced More Than Three Placements Within the Past Eighteen Months

Of those same 3,380 children, 679 children (20%) experienced more than three placements within the past eighteen months.³ This is one percentage point higher than SFY 2001 and has gradually increased since SFY 2000.

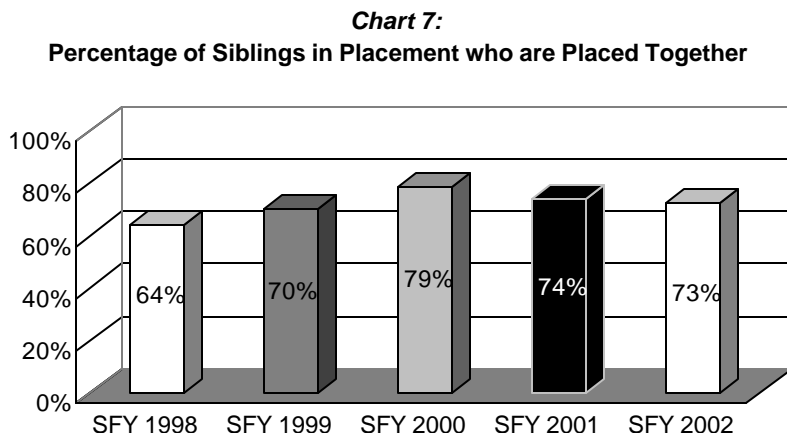


³ As reported in the SFY 2001 and 2002 Multiple Placement Reports, most of the children experiencing a high number of placements are primarily older children and children with emotional problems.

Percentage of Siblings in Placement Who Are Placed Together

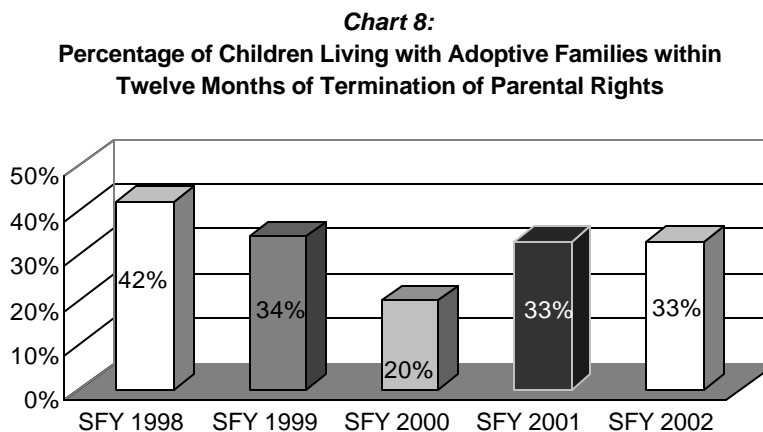
During SFY 2002, there was a quarterly average of 2,275 children in placement, who also had siblings in foster care. Of those children, 1,650 were placed with at least one of their siblings

(73%), while 57 percent (1,294 children) were placed with all of their siblings, compared to 56 percent in SFY 2001.⁴



Percentage of Children Living with Adoptive Families Within Twelve Months of Termination of Parental Rights

There were 303 children with the goal of adoption who had parental rights terminated between July 2000 and June 2001. Of those children, 99 (33%) were placed with adoptive families within 12 months of the termination of parental rights. This was the same percentage as SFY 2001.



⁴ These figures do not exclude children who have been placed separately for valid reasons such as safety issues or court orders. As a result, this is a more negative representation of how well DCFS keeps children together.

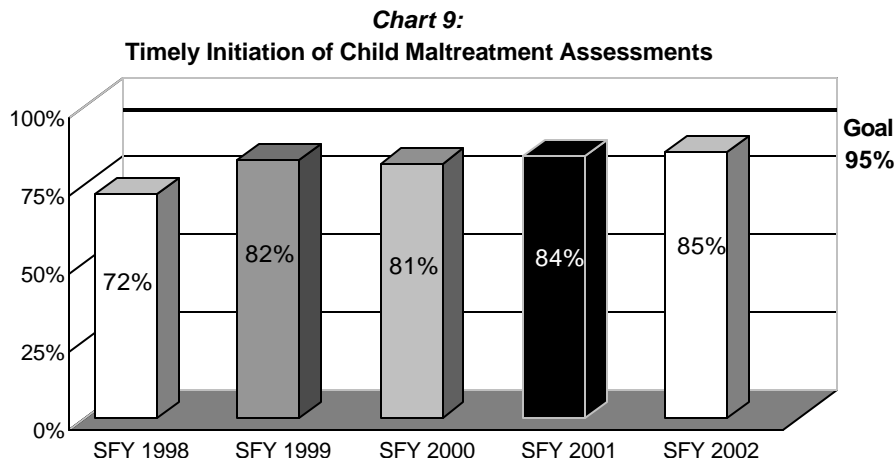
Part II: Compliance Index

The Division has set compliance measures with guidance from the Joint Interim Committee on Children and Youth. An index is compiled by reporting the level of compliance with these measures.

<u>Goal</u>	<u>Compliance Measure</u>
95%	<i>Timely Initiation of Child Maltreatment Assessments.</i> The investigator interviews or observes the victim child outside the presence of the alleged offender within twenty-four hours of any alleged severe maltreatment or within seventy-two hours otherwise.
90%	<i>Timely Completion of Child Maltreatment Assessments.</i> A determination must be made regarding an allegation of child maltreatment within thirty days of receipt of the allegation.
n/a	<i>True Child Maltreatment Reports.</i> DCFS must provide the number of true maltreatment reports and the number of children involved in those reports.
95%	<i>24-Hour Initial Health Screenings.</i> The screening is conducted within twenty-four hours after removal from the home on children who enter foster care due to an allegation of severe maltreatment, or if there is evidence of acute illness or injury.
95%	<i>72-Hour Initial Health Screenings.</i> This screening is conducted within seventy-two hours after removal from the home on all children who enter foster care who are not subject to the twenty-four hour screening.
95%	<i>Comprehensive Health Assessments.</i> Within 60 days of a child's entering foster care, an evaluation of their physical and mental health status must be completed.
80 Homes	<i>Foster Home Recruitment.</i> DCFS must ensure a sufficient number and variety of foster homes which meet minimal standards and match the needs and characteristics of foster children.
95%	<i>Foster Home Re-evaluations.</i> DCFS must re-evaluate, at least annually, each foster home's ability to care for children.
85%	<i>Required Visits Made by Worker.</i> DCFS must provide data on the percentages of required weekly visits made by DCFS workers to children in foster care.

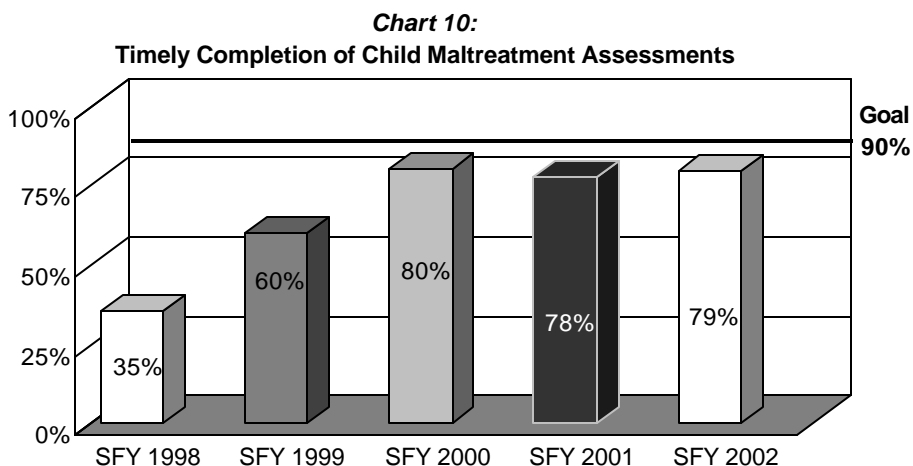
Timely Initiation of Child Maltreatment Assessments

There were 12,904 child maltreatment reports assigned to DCFS for SFY 2002. Of that number, 11,013 had child maltreatment assessments initiated in a timely fashion, resulting in an 85 percent compliance rate for the year. This number has steadily increased since SFY 1998 but is still below the goal of 95 percent.



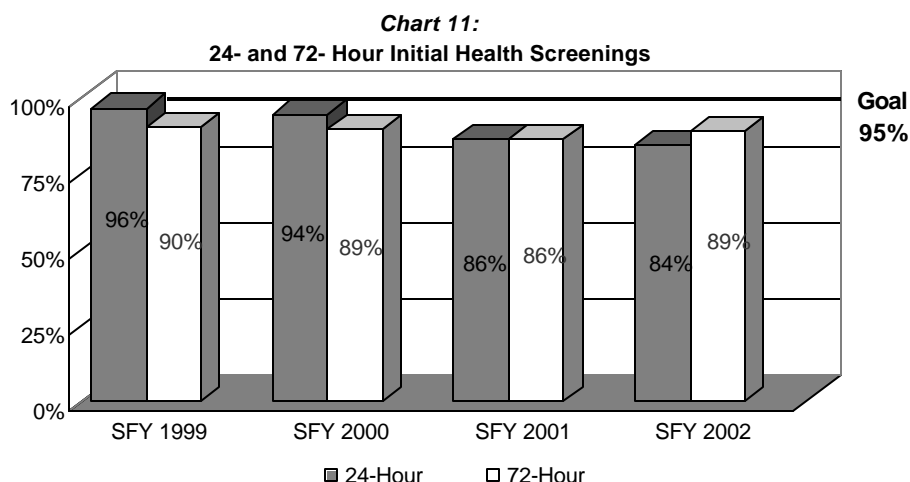
Timely Completion of Child Maltreatment Assessments

Of the 12,904 child maltreatment assessments assigned to DCFS during this past fiscal year, 10,246 were completed within the required 30-day period, resulting in a 79 percent compliance rate. This year's figure represents a one percentage point increase from last year (78%), but is still below the goal of 90 percent compliance.



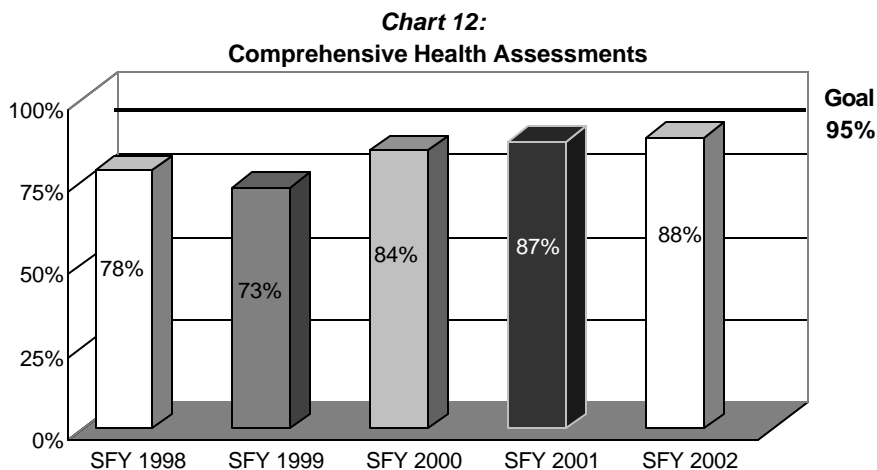
24- and 72-Hour Initial Health Screenings

There were 474 children who required a 24-hour initial health screening during SFY 2002. Of those children, 396 children (84%) received the required screening in a timely fashion. The number of children who required a 72-hour initial health screening during SFY 2002 was 2,526 children. Of those children, 2,238 children (89 percent) received the required screening in a timely fashion. The 24-hour compliance rate was two percentage points lower than the SFY 2001, however, the 72-hour compliance rate was three percentage points higher than SFY 2001. Both rates were below the goal of 95 percent.



Comprehensive Health Assessments

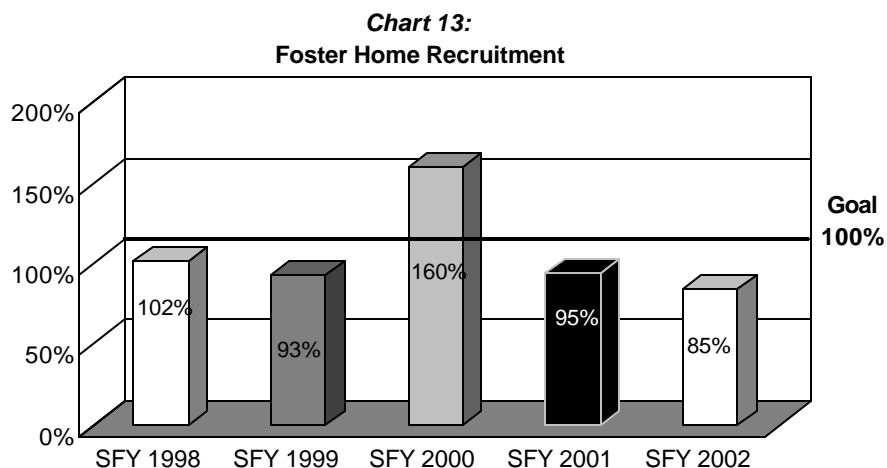
There were 1,803 children who entered foster care between May 2001 and April 2002 and who stayed in foster care 60 or more days. Of these children, 1,586 children (88%) received a comprehensive health assessment in a timely fashion. This percentage was up from the SFY 2001 compliance rate (87%), but was still below the goal of 95 percent.



Foster Home Recruitment

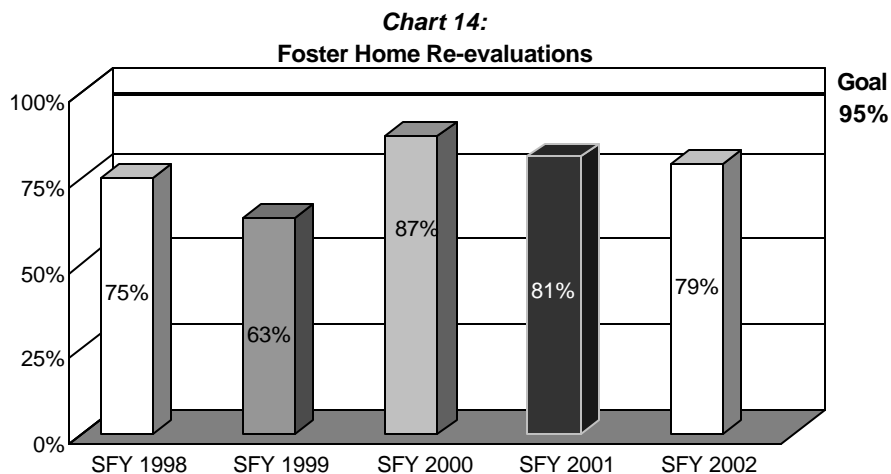
DCFS has set a foster home recruitment goal of 320 new foster homes per year. The total

number of new foster homes for SFY 2002 was 271, 85 percent of the goal. This percentage was lower than SFY 2001 (95%).



Foster Home Re-evaluations

There was an average of 952 active DHS foster homes during SFY 2002. Of this number, an average number of 751 homes had current evaluations, resulting in a compliance rate of 79 percent. This percentage was lower than SFY 2001 and below the goal of 95 percent.



Part III: Description of Population and Services

Section I: True Child Maltreatment Reports

Characteristics of Children in True Maltreatment Reports

The following table provides the demographic information for the 7,789 children involved in true reports during SFY 2002.⁵

More females than males (57% compared to 43%) were involved in true reports during the quarter. Seventy-four percent of the children were white, while 25 percent were black.⁶

Table 1:
Characteristics of Children in True Maltreatment Reports
SFY 2002

		White	Black	Asian	AIAN	NAPI	Other	Total
0 to 1	<i>Female</i>	209	67	1	2	4	0	283
	<i>Male</i>	197	107	4	0	3	0	311
2 to 5	<i>Female</i>	638	223	5	5	6	0	877
	<i>Male</i>	667	257	6	2	7	0	939
6 to 11	<i>Female</i>	1,073	350	2	16	3	0	1,444
	<i>Male</i>	908	372	1	7	3	0	1,291
12 to 15	<i>Female</i>	981	294	4	6	7	0	1,292
	<i>Male</i>	455	133	1	2	7	0	598
16 to 18	<i>Female</i>	501	125	6	4	1	0	637
	<i>Male</i>	204	44	2	3	1	0	254
18+	<i>Female</i>	6	0	0	0	1	0	7
	<i>Male</i>	4	0	0	0	0	0	4
Total*		5,843	1,972	32	47	43	0	7,937

* Demographic data have not been entered into CHRIS for 254 children. As a result, they are not represented in the table above, bringing the number of children whose demographic data can be represented to 7,535. However, children may have more than one ethnicity selected. As a result, the total number of children shown in the table above (7,937) is greater than the actual number of children whose demographics can be represented (7,535).

⁵ These data have not been reported in previous reports; therefore, comparisons to prior reports cannot be made.

⁶ The remaining one percent were of different races and ethnicities. The table above, and each subsequent demographic table, divides up these other races and ethnicities into the following categories: **"Asian"** (includes Indonesian, Cambodian, Hmong, and Vietnamese), **"AIAN"** (includes Native American, Alaskan Native, and American Indian), **"NAPI"** (includes Native Hawaiian and other Pacific Islanders), and **"Other"** (includes all other races and ethnicities).

Types of Allegations in True Maltreatment Reports

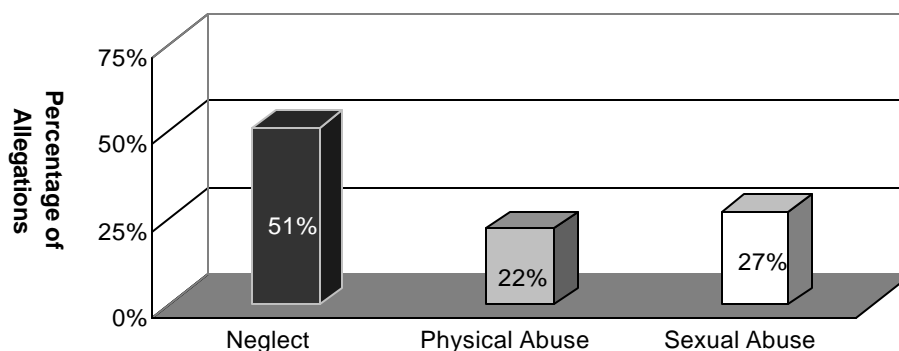
Allegations involving neglect (51%) represented the greatest percentage of all allegations during SFY 2002. Sexual abuse represented 27 percent and physical abuse represented 22 percent of the total number of allegations.⁷

Table 2:
Specific Allegation Types as a Percentage of
Total Number of True Allegations
SFY 2002

	Number	Percent
Neglect	4,558	51%
Physical Abuse	2,019	22%
Sexual Abuse	2,435	27%
Total*	9,012	100%

* The number of allegations will always outnumber the number of true maltreatment reports because a single report may involve more than one allegation.

Chart 15:
Specific Allegation Types as a Percentage of
Total Number of True Allegations



⁷ These data have not been reported in previous reports. Comparisons to prior reports, therefore, cannot be made.

Child Maltreatment Assessments by Area and County

There were 18,796 maltreatment assessments assigned during SFY 2002. Of those assessments, 5,822 (31%) were found to be true. Area I had the highest percentage of true reports (36%).

Table 3:
Child Maltreatment Assessments by Area and County
SFY 2002

Area	County	Total	True	True %	Unsub	Exempt	UTL	Unknown
1	Benton (Bentonville)	971	364	37%	532	1	41	33
1	Carroll (Berryville)	140	66	47%	68	0	4	2
1	Madison (Huntsville)	92	26	28%	64	0	1	1
1	Washington (Fayetteville)	1,068	369	35%	637	0	35	27
	Area Total	2,271	825	36%	1,301	1	81	63
2	Crawford (Van Buren)	424	125	29%	283	0	10	6
2	Franklin (Ozark)	138	52	38%	84	0	0	2
2	Johnson (Clarksville)	188	74	39%	106	0	8	0
2	Logan (Booneville, Paris)	112	44	39%	63	0	2	3
2	Logan (Paris)	50	18	36%	31	0	0	1
2	Scott (Waldron)	108	32	30%	66	0	4	6
2	Sebastian (Fort Smith)	898	195	22%	600	0	44	59
2	Yell (Danville)	132	44	33%	83	0	4	1
	Area Total	2,050	584	28%	1,316	0	72	78
3	Clark (Arkadelphia)	115	34	30%	76	0	4	1
3	Garland (Hot Springs)	644	168	26%	440	0	11	25
3	Hot Spring (Malvern)	234	53	23%	172	1	2	6
3	Howard (Nashville)	71	29	41%	41	0	1	0
3	Montgomery (Mount Ida)	45	12	27%	30	0	1	2
3	Perry (Perryville)	74	22	30%	46	0	5	1
3	Pike (Murfreesboro)	47	13	28%	32	0	1	1
3	Polk (Mena)	141	45	32%	94	0	2	0
3	Saline (Benton)	713	201	28%	459	0	26	27
	Area Total	2,084	577	28%	1,390	1	53	63
4	Columbia (Magnolia)	135	43	32%	85	0	7	0
4	Hempstead (Hope)	121	46	38%	73	0	2	0
4	Lafayette (Lewisville)	62	19	31%	43	0	0	0
4	Little River (Ashdown)	83	34	41%	48	0	0	1
4	Miller (Texarkana)	286	93	33%	178	0	15	0
4	Nevada (Prescott)	55	20	36%	33	0	2	0
4	Ouachita (Camden)	184	67	36%	111	0	6	0
4	Sevier (DeQueen)	110	33	30%	75	0	1	1
4	Union (El Dorado)	270	75	28%	186	0	8	1
	Area Total	1,306	430	33%	832	0	41	3

Area	County	Total	True	True %	Unsub	Exempt	UTL	Unknown
5	Baxter (Mountain Home)	218	81	37%	136	0	0	1
5	Boone (Harrison)	257	77	30%	178	0	1	1
5	Conway (Morrilton)	169	60	36%	108	0	1	0
5	Faulkner (Conway)	512	171	33%	335	0	5	1
5	Marion (Yellville)	115	36	31%	77	0	2	0
5	Newton (Jasper)	58	19	33%	38	0	1	0
5	Pope (Russellville)	383	124	32%	256	0	3	0
5	Searcy (Marshall)	63	17	27%	46	0	0	0
5	Van Buren (Clinton)	116	35	30%	78	0	3	0
	Area Total	1,891	620	33%	1,252	0	16	3
6	Pulaski	2,553	786	31%	1,638	0	101	28
	Area Total	2,553	786	31%	1,638	0	101	28
7	Bradley (Warren)	84	34	40%	49	0	0	1
7	Calhoun (Hampton)	36	20	56%	16	0	0	0
7	Cleveland (Rison)	40	17	43%	23	0	0	0
7	Dallas (Fordyce)	82	29	35%	45	0	0	8
7	Grant (Sheridan)	118	27	23%	87	0	2	2
7	Jefferson (Pine Bluff)	536	153	29%	342	0	37	4
7	Lincoln (Star City)	63	22	35%	39	0	1	1
7	Lonoke (Lonoke)	387	93	24%	257	0	28	9
7	Prairie (DeValls Bluff)	62	24	39%	34	0	2	2
	Area Total	1,408	419	30%	892	0	70	27
8	Clay (Piggott & Corning)	106	25	24%	76	0	5	0
8	Craighead (Jonesboro)	639	152	24%	466	0	21	0
8	Fulton (Salem)	97	47	48%	43	0	1	6
8	Greene (Paragould)	384	108	28%	269	0	4	3
8	Izard (Melbourne)	108	37	34%	66	0	0	5
8	Lawrence (Walnut Ridge)	142	38	27%	102	0	2	0
8	Mississippi (Blytheville)	319	112	35%	196	0	11	0
8	Mississippi (Osceola)	122	50	41%	70	0	2	0
8	Randolph (Pocahontas)	168	42	25%	124	0	2	0
8	Sharp (Ash Flat)	122	37	30%	79	0	2	4
	Area Total	2,207	648	29%	1,491	0	50	18
9	Cleburne (Heber Springs)	128	41	32%	86	0	1	0
9	Crittenden (West Memphis)	332	102	31%	222	0	7	1
9	Cross (Wynne)	114	34	30%	80	0	0	0
9	Independence (Batesville)	306	86	28%	215	0	4	1
9	Jackson (Newport)	132	39	30%	93	0	0	0
9	Poinsett (Harrisburg)	232	79	34%	146	0	7	0
9	Stone (Mountain View)	88	25	28%	61	0	1	1
9	White (Searcy)	507	125	25%	369	0	12	1
9	Woodruff (Augusta)	57	16	28%	40	0	1	0
	Area Total	1,896	547	29%	1,312	0	33	4

Area	County	Total	True	True %	Unsub	Exempt	UTL	Unknown
10	Arkansas (Dewitt)	69	21	30%	47	0	0	1
10	Arkansas (Stuttgart)	92	30	33%	62	0	0	0
10	Ashley (Hamburg)	128	45	35%	79	0	0	4
10	Chicot (Lake Village)	93	23	25%	70	0	0	0
10	Desha (McGehee)	96	24	25%	67	0	5	0
10	Drew (Monticello)	148	41	28%	103	0	3	1
10	Lee (Marianna)	50	18	36%	31	0	1	0
10	Monroe (Brinkley)	43	13	30%	30	0	0	0
10	Monroe (Clarendon)	4	1	25%	3	0	0	0
10	Phillips (Helena)	209	90	43%	113	0	0	6
10	St. Francis (Forrest City)	191	78	41%	111	0	2	0
	Area Total	1,123	384	34%	716	0	11	12
99	State Office	7	2	29%	5	0	0	0
	Statewide Total	18,796*	5,822	31%	12,145	2	528	299

* "Unsub" = Unsubstantiated; "UTL" = Unable to Locate; "Unknown" = Status of assessment is not identified in CHRIS.

** This total includes both DCFS and CACD assessments.

Section II: Foster Care

During SFY 2002, the data showed that 3,305 children entered care, while 3,341 children exited care.⁸

Table 4:
Characteristics of Children Entering Foster Care During the Year
SFY 2002

Age	Gender	White	Black	Asian	AIAN	NAPI	Other	Total
0 to 1	Female	154	78	2	3	2	0	239
	Male	154	82	1	1	3	0	241
2 to 5	Female	258	115	3	1	2	0	379
	Male	290	128	2	2	1	0	423
6 to 11	Female	318	138	0	7	1	0	464
	Male	312	124	2	2	1	0	441
12 to 15	Female	312	117	1	4	0	0	434
	Male	237	79	2	4	5	0	327
16 to 18	Female	218	72	4	0	2	0	296
	Male	128	46	2	3	1	0	180
Total*		2,381	979	19	27	18	0	3,424

* Demographic data have not been entered into CHRIS for 75 children. As a result, they are not represented in the table above, bringing the number of children whose demographic data can be represented to 3,230. However, children may have more than one ethnicity selected. As a result, the total number of children shown in the table above (3,424) is greater than the actual number of children whose demographics can be represented.

Table 5:
Characteristics of Children Exiting Foster Care During the Year
SFY 2002

Age	Gender	White	Black	Asian	AIAN	NAPI	Other	Total
0 to 1	Female	144	61	1	2	0	0	208
	Male	153	73	1	1	1	0	229
2 to 5	Female	262	128	1	1	0	0	392
	Male	284	113	3	3	1	0	404
6 to 11	Female	314	140	0	4	0	0	458
	Male	328	132	3	3	2	0	468
12 to 15	Female	269	108	3	4	2	0	386
	Male	221	72	1	3	2	0	299
16 to 18	Female	243	98	2	2	3	0	348
	Male	152	70	2	2	3	0	229
19+	Female	13	5	0	0	0	0	18
	Male	10	6	0	0	0	0	16
Total*		2,393	1,006	17	25	14	0	3,455

* Demographic data have not been entered into CHRIS for 85 children. As a result, they are not represented in the table above, bringing the number of children whose demographic data can be represented to 3,256. However, children may have more than one ethnicity selected. As a result, the total number of children shown in the table above (3,455) is greater than the actual number of children whose demographics can be represented.

⁸ These data have not been reported in previous reports. Comparisons to prior reports, therefore, cannot be made.

Reasons Children Placed in Foster Care

The reasons children enter foster care remained stable for SFY 2002. Neglect (24%) was the most prevalent reason children entered care, followed by substance abuse (11%).⁹ Eleven percent of the children entered care due to physical abuse, while nine percent entered care because of the child's behavior and seven percent entered because of sexual abuse.¹⁰

Table 6:
Reasons Children Placed in Foster Care
SFY 2002

	Gender	White	Black	Asian	AIAN	NAPI	Other	Total
Neglect	Female	792	377	6	11	5	0	1,191
	Male	762	369	5	9	3	0	1,148
Substance Abuse	Female	398	155	0	5	1	0	559
	Male	367	150	1	3	2	0	523
Physical Abuse	Female	340	170	1	2	2	0	515
	Male	346	174	2	1	3	0	526
Child's Behavior	Female	273	150	2	6	3	0	434
	Male	299	144	3	5	3	0	454
Abandonment	Female	163	150	0	2	1	0	316
	Male	144	113	1	2	2	0	262
Inadequate Housing	Female	267	123	0	6	2	0	398
	Male	262	119	1	8	1	0	391
Caretaker Illness	Female	210	90	0	4	0	0	304
	Male	255	83	2	5	1	0	346
Sexual Abuse	Female	359	109	3	10	1	0	482
	Male	124	34	0	1	0	0	159
Parent Incarceration	Female	307	95	4	5	0	0	411
	Male	334	106	4	2	1	0	447
Truancy	Female	91	37	0	2	0	0	130
	Male	57	33	0	3	1	0	94
Child's Disability	Female	20	11	0	0	0	0	31
	Male	32	10	0	1	0	0	43
Parent Death	Female	9	10	0	0	0	0	19
	Male	12	7	0	0	0	0	19
Sex Offender	Female	13	2	0	0	0	0	15
	Male	51	8	1	2	0	0	62
Relinquishment	Female	21	14	0	0	0	0	35
	Male	27	7	0	2	0	0	36
Other	Female	117	68	0	2	1	0	188
	Male	130	63	1	5	0	0	199
Total		6,582	2,981	37	104	33	0	9,737

* There are more reasons for entry than children in care because a child may have more than one reason for entry.

⁹ Of the 1,082 reasons for entry attributed to substance abuse, substance abuse by children accounted for 92 reasons for entry (9%), while substance abuse by parents accounted for 990 reasons for entry (91%).

¹⁰ These data have not been reported in previous reports. Comparisons to prior reports, therefore, cannot be made.

Permanency Goals of Children in Foster Care

The Division has two primary goals for children in foster care: that they are safe and that they are placed in a permanent home. The second of these concerns is expressed by setting a permanency goal for each child in foster care. During SFY 2002, more children had the goal of returning home than any other goal.¹¹ National data reveal very similar figures to those shown here.¹²

Table 7:
Permanency Goals of Children in Foster Care
SFY 2002

	SFY 2002		National*
Return Home	2,481	47%	42%
Adoption	934	18%	19%
Independent Living	645	12%	n/a
Long Term Care	220	4%	8%
Remain at Home	472	9%	n/a
Relative Care	211	4%	5%
Guardianship	19	1%	3%
Emancipation	n/a	n/a	6%
Not Yet Established	254	5%	18%
Total	5236**	100%	100%

*The sum of individual percentages may not equal 100%, due to rounding.

**The were 866 children who were in care less than 30 days and, therefore, had no permanency goal.

Number of Placements of Children in Foster Care

For SFY 2002, 30 percent of the children in care at the end of the year have experienced three or more placements.

Table 8:
Number of Placements of Children in Foster Care
SFY 2002

	#	%
1-2 Placements	4,283	70%
3-6 Placements	1,172	19%
7-9 Placements	276	5%
10+ Placements	371	6%
Total	6,102	100%

¹¹ These data have not been reported in previous reports. Comparisons to prior reports, therefore, cannot be made.

¹²Adoption and Foster Care Analysis and Reporting System (AFCARS) data submitted for the FY 1999 (10/01/98 to 09/30/99) as of June 2001.

Description of Children and Cases by Area and County

There were 16,260 cases during SFY 2002. Of those cases 6,102 were foster care cases, 9,259 protective service cases and 899 supportive service cases.

Table 9:
Description of Children and Cases by Area and County
SFY 2002

Area	County	FC Cases	PS Cases	PS Children	SS Cases	SS Children	Total Cases
1	Benton (Bentonville)	265	476	1,150	34	73	775
1	Carroll (Berryville)	38	75	174	2	5	115
1	Madison (Huntsville)	33	58	151	0	0	91
1	Washington (Fayetteville)	384	703	1,555	11	25	1,098
	Area Total	720	1,312	3,030	47	103	2,079
2	Crawford (Van Buren)	144	249	558	10	16	403
2	Franklin (Ozark)	46	61	137	0	0	107
2	Johnson (Clarksville)	48	85	183	2	3	135
2	Logan (Booneville)	0	0	0	0	0	0
2	Logan (Paris)	40	82	176	5	8	127
2	Scott (Waldron)	43	43	102	4	6	90
2	Sebastian (Fort Smith)	468	550	1,260	2	3	1,020
2	Yell (Danville)	15	45	103	4	8	64
	Area Total	804	1,115	2,519	27	44	1,946
3	Clark (Arkadelphia)	40	51	105	8	16	99
3	Garland (Hot Springs)	244	328	677	129	278	701
3	Hot Spring (Malvern)	43	57	129	29	61	129
3	Howard (Nashville)	73	70	142	3	4	146
3	Montgomery (Mount Ida)	28	20	44	2	7	50
3	Perry (Perryville)	0	1	1	0	0	1
3	Pike (Murfreesboro)	11	22	54	0	0	33
3	Polk (Mena)	57	57	136	13	27	127
3	Saline (Benton)	112	299	640	23	43	434
	Area Total	608	905	1,928	207	436	1,720
4	Columbia (Magnolia)	53	57	122	12	26	122
4	Hempstead (Hope)	64	157	389	21	49	242
4	Lafayette (Lewisville)	6	19	42	6	13	31
4	Little River (Ashdown)	16	37	75	10	16	63
4	Miller (Texarkana)	112	152	333	19	39	283
4	Nevada (Prescott)	14	34	78	5	10	53
4	Ouachita (Camden)	54	123	256	3	3	180
4	Sevier (DeQueen)	29	48	100	7	16	84
4	Union (El Dorado)	76	131	266	8	16	215
	Area Total	424	758	1,661	91	188	1,273

Area	County	FC Cases	PS Cases	PS Children	SS Cases	SS Children	Total Cases
5	Baxter (Mountain Home)	87	113	227	7	11	207
5	Boone (Harrison)	63	98	240	3	8	164
5	Conway (Morrilton)	25	74	186	6	7	105
5	Faulkner (Conway)	168	278	603	11	23	457
5	Marion (Yellville)	44	62	135	2	4	108
5	Newton (Jasper)	44	35	85	6	9	85
5	Pope (Russellville)	143	227	494	26	46	396
5	Searcy (Marshall)	20	40	96	4	10	64
5	Van Buren (Clinton)	40	63	135	3	10	106
	Area Total	634	990	2,201	68	128	1,692
6	Pulaski (East)	92	88	179	11	21	191
6	Pulaski (Jxvll)	145	186	432	16	29	347
6	Pulaski (North)	240	254	624	37	66	531
6	Pulaski (South)	297	373	827	19	27	689
6	Pulaski (SouthWest)	177	201	454	28	57	406
	Area Total	951	1,102	2,516	111	200	2,164
7	Bradley (Warren)	57	82	188	5	8	144
7	Calhoun (Hampton)	11	26	58	3	10	40
7	Cleveland (Rison)	25	28	57	0	0	53
7	Dallas (Fordyce)	22	37	96	2	5	61
7	Grant (Sheridan)	45	49	83	6	10	100
7	Jefferson (Pine Bluff)	343	385	984	33	93	761
7	Lincoln (Star City)	16	18	38	1	1	35
7	Lonoke (Lonoke)	80	132	269	11	14	223
7	Prairie (DeValls Bluff)	10	36	72	3	4	49
	Area Total	609	793	1,845	64	145	1,466
8	Clay (Piggott & Corning)	42	66	139	12	28	120
8	Craighead (Jonesboro)	106	225	561	15	34	346
8	Fulton (Salem)	42	50	111	4	9	96
8	Greene (Paragould)	64	169	420	20	47	253
8	Izard (Melbourne)	21	45	120	2	6	68
8	Lawrence (Walnut Ridge)	33	56	153	4	11	93
8	Mississippi (Blytheville)	46	88	251	15	37	149
8	Mississippi (Osceola)	56	94	250	4	4	154
8	Randolph (Pocahontas)	26	61	135	13	31	100
8	Sharp (Ash Flat)	37	54	141	11	19	102
	Area Total	473	908	2,281	100	226	1,481

Area	County	FC Cases	PS Cases	PS Children	SS Cases	SS Children	Total Cases
9	Cleburne (Heber Springs)	44	54	137	8	14	106
9	Crittenden (West Memphis)	53	92	261	5	11	150
9	Cross (Wynne)	23	73	182	13	34	109
9	Independence (Batesville)	89	142	313	15	29	246
9	Jackson (Newport)	26	50	114	2	4	78
9	Poinsett (Harrisburg)	46	93	250	16	34	155
9	Stone (Mountain View)	15	23	56	4	6	42
9	White (Searcy)	63	119	243	12	17	194
9	Woodruff (Augusta)	5	13	28	1	1	19
	Area Total	364	659	1,584	76	150	1,099
10	Arkansas (Dewitt)	22	22	51	3	3	47
10	Arkansas (Stuttgart)	15	45	84	9	19	69
10	Ashley (Hamburg)	75	85	175	12	24	172
10	Chicot (Lake Village)	49	72	136	16	28	137
10	Desha (McGehee)	59	79	134	5	8	143
10	Drew (Monticello)	85	94	215	7	13	186
10	Lee (Marianna)	59	44	116	7	19	110
10	Monroe (Brinkley)	18	34	100	8	20	60
10	Phillips (Helena)	56	103	352	7	22	166
10	St. Francis (Forrest City)	51	127	346	34	76	212
	Area Total	489	705	1,709	108	232	1,302
99	State Office	26	12	24	0	0	38
	Statewide Total	6,102	9,259	21,298	899	1,852	16,260

Foster Care Children by Age

There were 6,102 children in foster care during SFY 2002. Of those children, children between the ages of zero to five represented the age group with the highest number of children (32%).

Table 10:
Foster Care Children by Age
SFY 2002

Area	County	Total	0-5 years	6-11 years	12-14 years	15+ years	Unknown
1	Benton (Bentonville)	265	102	70	53	40	0
1	Carroll (Berryville)	38	16	7	10	5	0
1	Madison (Huntsville)	33	10	2	10	11	0
1	Washington (Fayetteville)	384	134	112	81	57	0
	Area Total	720	262	191	154	113	0
2	Crawford (Van Buren)	144	41	40	33	30	0
2	Franklin (Ozark)	46	21	13	8	4	0
2	Johnson (Clarksville)	48	18	18	7	5	0
2	Logan (Paris)	40	7	13	12	8	0
2	Scott (Waldron)	43	14	9	11	9	0
2	Sebastian (Fort Smith)	468	142	127	103	96	0
2	Yell (Danville)	15	9	4	2	0	0
	Area Total	804	252	224	176	152	0
3	Clark (Arkadelphia)	40	14	12	5	9	0
3	Garland (Hot Springs)	244	102	52	47	43	0
3	Hot Spring (Malvern)	43	27	10	5	1	0
3	Howard (Nashville)	73	30	19	15	9	0
3	Montgomery (Mount Ida)	28	9	7	6	6	0
3	Pike (Murfreesboro)	11	0	4	4	3	0
3	Polk (Mena)	57	12	23	13	9	0
3	Saline (Benton)	112	35	20	35	22	0
	Area Total	608	229	147	130	102	0
4	Columbia (Magnolia)	53	19	14	12	8	0
4	Hempstead (Hope)	64	14	12	22	16	0
4	Lafayette (Lewisville)	6	0	1	3	2	0
4	Little River (Ashdown)	16	4	2	4	6	0
4	Miller (Texarkana)	112	36	28	28	20	0
4	Nevada (Prescott)	14	4	5	5	0	0
4	Ouachita (Camden)	54	17	10	14	13	0
4	Sevier (DeQueen)	29	11	9	5	4	0
4	Union (El Dorado)	76	21	17	16	22	0
	Area Total	424	126	98	109	91	0
5	Baxter (Mountain Home)	87	26	14	24	23	0
5	Boone (Harrison)	63	18	18	16	11	0
5	Conway (Morrilton)	25	10	9	3	3	0
5	Faulkner (Conway)	168	37	49	48	34	0
5	Marion (Yellville)	44	11	6	8	19	0
5	Newton (Jasper)	44	13	13	11	7	0

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Area	County	Total	0-5 years	6-11 years	12-14 years	15+ years	Unknown
5	Pope (Russellville)	143	53	35	19	36	0
5	Searcy (Marshall)	20	5	5	6	4	0
5	Van Buren (Clinton)	40	10	11	11	8	0
	Area Total	634	183	160	146	145	0
6	Pulaski (East)	92	23	19	21	29	0
6	Pulaski (Jxville)	145	59	41	24	21	0
6	Pulaski (North)	240	81	69	48	42	0
6	Pulaski (South)	297	104	91	45	57	0
6	Pulaski (SouthWest)	177	65	52	30	30	0
	Area Total	951	332	272	168	179	0
7	Bradley (Warren)	57	9	16	16	16	0
7	Calhoun (Hampton)	11	4	1	5	1	0
7	Cleveland (Rison)	25	7	9	6	3	0
7	Dallas (Fordyce)	22	5	7	6	4	0
7	Grant (Sheridan)	45	12	12	10	11	0
7	Jefferson (Pine Bluff)	343	99	79	90	75	0
7	Lincoln (Star City)	16	2	3	4	7	0
7	Lonoke (Lonoke)	80	19	26	26	9	0
7	Prairie (DeValls Bluff)	10	7	0	0	3	0
	Area Total	609	164	153	163	129	0
8	Clay (Piggott & Corning)	42	11	8	12	11	0
8	Craighead (Jonesboro)	106	35	24	28	19	0
8	Fulton (Salem)	42	14	16	8	4	0
8	Greene (Paragould)	64	20	22	16	6	0
8	Izard (Melbourne)	21	6	5	3	7	0
8	Lawrence (Walnut Ridge)	33	11	11	5	6	0
8	Mississippi (Blytheville)	46	15	16	10	5	0
8	Mississippi (Osceola)	56	28	14	8	6	0
8	Randolph (Pocahontas)	26	9	4	9	4	0
8	Sharp (Ash Flat)	37	13	16	6	2	0
	Area Total	473	162	136	105	70	0
9	Cleburne (Heber Springs)	44	22	13	7	2	0
9	Crittenden (West Memphis)	53	26	9	11	7	0
9	Cross (Wynne)	23	7	4	5	7	0
9	Independence (Batesville)	89	28	29	15	17	0
9	Jackson (Newport)	26	11	4	9	2	0
9	Poinsett (Harrisburg)	46	16	10	14	6	0
9	Stone (Mountain View)	15	5	4	2	4	0
9	White (Searcy)	63	14	21	16	12	0
9	Woodruff (Augusta)	5	0	1	3	1	0
	Area Total	364	129	95	82	58	0

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Area	County	Total	0-5 years	6-11 years	12-14 years	15+ years	Unknown
10	Arkansas (Dewitt)	22	3	5	7	7	0
10	Arkansas (Stuttgart)	15	3	1	8	3	0
10	Ashley (Hamburg)	75	18	22	18	17	0
10	Chicot (Lake Village)	49	7	11	16	15	0
10	Desha (McGehee)	59	8	13	20	18	0
10	Drew (Monticello)	85	17	29	16	23	0
10	Lee (Marianna)	59	13	25	13	8	0
10	Monroe (Brinkley)	18	2	4	8	4	0
10	Phillips (Helena)	56	28	11	10	7	0
10	St. Francis (Forrest City)	51	16	13	11	11	0
	Area Total	489	115	134	127	113	0
99	State Office	26	9	8	5	4	0
	Statewide Total	6,102	1,963	1,618	1,365	1,156	0

Note: These characteristics represent the number of children served during the year, not the number in care at any given point in time.

Foster Care Children by Gender

There were 6,102 children in foster care this year. Of those, 2,958 of the children were male and 3,144 children were female.

Table 11:
Foster Care Children by Gender
SFY 2002

Area	County	Total	Male	Female
1	Benton (Bentonville)	265	123	142
1	Carroll (Berryville)	38	17	21
1	Madison (Huntsville)	33	19	14
1	Washington (Fayetteville)	384	186	198
	Area Total	720	345	375
2	Crawford (Van Buren)	144	73	71
2	Franklin (Ozark)	46	24	22
2	Johnson (Clarksville)	48	28	20
2	Logan (Paris)	40	21	19
2	Scott (Waldron)	43	17	26
2	Sebastian (Fort Smith)	468	237	231
2	Yell (Danville)	15	6	9
	Area Total	804	406	398
3	Clark (Arkadelphia)	40	16	24
3	Garland (Hot Springs)	244	125	119
3	Hot Spring (Malvern)	43	24	19
3	Howard (Nashville)	73	36	37
3	Montgomery (Mount Ida)	28	13	15
3	Pike (Murfreestown)	11	5	6
3	Polk (Mena)	57	23	34
3	Saline (Benton)	112	51	61
	Area Total	608	293	315
4	Columbia (Magnolia)	53	23	30
4	Hempstead (Hope)	64	21	43
4	Lafayette (Lewisville)	6	3	3
4	Little River (Ashdown)	16	6	10
4	Miller (Texarkana)	112	50	62
4	Nevada (Prescott)	14	11	3
4	Ouachita (Camden)	54	23	31
4	Sevier (DeQueen)	29	15	14
4	Union (El Dorado)	76	25	51
	Area Total	424	177	247
5	Baxter (Mountain Home)	87	39	48
5	Boone (Harrison)	63	32	31
5	Conway (Morrilton)	25	17	8
5	Faulkner (Conway)	168	78	90
5	Marion (Yellville)	44	25	19
5	Newton (Jasper)	44	19	25

Area	County	Total	Male	Female
5	Pope (Russellville)	143	68	75
5	Searcy (Marshall)	20	9	11
5	Van Buren (Clinton)	40	27	13
	Area Total	634	314	320
6	Pulaski (East)	92	49	43
6	Pulaski (Jxvllle)	145	74	71
6	Pulaski (North)	240	112	128
6	Pulaski (South)	297	166	131
6	Pulaski (SouthWest)	177	81	96
	Area Total	951	482	469
7	Bradley (Warren)	57	32	25
7	Calhoun (Hampton)	11	6	5
7	Cleveland (Rison)	25	13	12
7	Dallas (Fordyce)	22	8	14
7	Grant (Sheridan)	45	23	22
7	Jefferson (Pine Bluff)	343	164	179
7	Lincoln (Star City)	16	7	9
7	Lonoke (Lonoke)	80	38	42
7	Prairie (DeValls Bluff)	10	3	7
	Area Total	609	294	315
8	Clay (Piggott & Corning)	42	16	26
8	Craighead (Jonesboro)	106	39	67
8	Fulton (Salem)	42	22	20
8	Greene (Paragould)	64	39	25
8	Izard (Melbourne)	21	10	11
8	Lawrence (Walnut Ridge)	33	19	14
8	Mississippi (Blytheville)	46	21	25
8	Mississippi (Osceola)	56	22	34
8	Randolph (Pocahontas)	26	13	13
8	Sharp (Ash Flat)	37	18	19
	Area Total	473	219	254
9	Cleburne (Heber Springs)	44	27	17
9	Crittenden (West Memphis)	53	20	33
9	Cross (Wynne)	23	12	11
9	Independence (Batesville)	89	47	42
9	Jackson (Newport)	26	12	14
9	Poinsett (Harrisburg)	46	24	22
9	Stone (Mountain View)	15	5	10
9	White (Searcy)	63	37	26
9	Woodruff (Augusta)	5	2	3
	Area Total	364	186	178

Area	County	Total	Male	Female
10	Arkansas (Dewitt)	22	11	11
10	Arkansas (Stuttgart)	15	6	9
10	Ashley (Hamburg)	75	34	41
10	Chicot (Lake Village)	49	23	26
10	Desha (McGehee)	59	31	28
10	Drew (Monticello)	85	47	38
10	Lee (Marianna)	59	23	36
10	Monroe (Brinkley)	18	7	11
10	Phillips (Helena)	56	19	37
10	St. Francis (Forrest City)	51	23	28
	Area Total	489	224	265
99	State Office	26	18	8
	Statewide Total	6,102	2,958	3,144

Note: These characteristics represent the number of children served during the year, not the number in care at any given point in time.

Foster Care Children by Ethnicity

Of the 6,102 children in foster care during SFY 2002, 4,151 were white and 2,063 were black.

Table 12:
Foster Care Children by Ethnicity
SFY 2002

Area	County	Total	White	Black	Asian	Island	Indian	Unknown
1	Benton (Bentonville)	275	258	3	2	2	8	2
1	Carroll (Berryville)	38	37	1	0	0	0	0
1	Madison (Huntsville)	35	33	1	1	0	0	0
1	Washington (Fayetteville)	401	355	31	1	3	8	3
	Area Total	749	683	36	4	5	16	5
2	Crawford (Van Buren)	149	133	6	0	2	3	5
2	Franklin (Ozark)	46	43	0	0	2	1	0
2	Johnson (Clarksville)	53	47	3	1	2	0	0
2	Logan (Paris)	41	40	1	0	0	0	0
2	Scott (Waldron)	44	42	0	0	1	0	1
2	Sebastian (Fort Smith)	512	386	92	4	2	20	8
2	Yell (Danville)	16	13	2	0	0	0	1
	Area Total	861	704	104	5	9	24	15
3	Clark (Arkadelphia)	43	31	12	0	0	0	0
3	Garland (Hot Springs)	268	192	73	0	0	1	2
3	Hot Spring (Malvern)	43	41	1	0	0	0	1
3	Howard (Nashville)	83	46	36	0	0	0	1
3	Montgomery (Mount Ida)	28	27	1	0	0	0	0
3	Pike (Murfreesboro)	11	11	0	0	0	0	0
3	Polk (Mena)	57	57	0	0	0	0	0
3	Saline (Benton)	114	107	7	0	0	0	0
	Area Total	647	512	130	0	0	1	4
4	Columbia (Magnolia)	55	30	25	0	0	0	0
4	Hempstead (Hope)	72	32	38	0	1	1	0
4	Lafayette (Lewisville)	7	6	1	0	0	0	0
4	Little River (Ashdown)	16	10	6	0	0	0	0
4	Miller (Texarkana)	114	65	47	0	0	0	2
4	Nevada (Prescott)	15	9	6	0	0	0	0
4	Ouachita (Camden)	56	21	35	0	0	0	0
4	Sevier (DeQueen)	32	26	2	0	2	0	2
4	Union (El Dorado)	79	25	53	0	0	0	1
	Area Total	446	224	213	0	3	1	5
5	Baxter (Mountain Home)	90	84	1	1	0	2	2
5	Boone (Harrison)	66	62	1	2	0	1	0
5	Conway (Morrilton)	28	21	7	0	0	0	0
5	Faulkner (Conway)	174	136	29	4	0	3	2
5	Marion (Yellville)	45	43	2	0	0	0	0
5	Newton (Jasper)	45	43	0	0	0	1	1

Area	County	Total	White	Black	Asian	Island	Indian	Unknown
5	Pope (Russellville)	146	132	7	1	0	1	5
5	Searcy (Marshall)	21	20	0	0	0	1	0
5	Van Buren (Clinton)	41	40	0	0	0	1	0
	Area Total	656	581	47	8	0	10	10
6	Pulaski (East)	92	15	77	0	0	0	0
6	Pulaski (Jxvllle)	154	112	40	1	0	0	1
6	Pulaski (North)	248	85	162	0	0	0	1
6	Pulaski (South)	309	72	234	0	1	0	2
6	Pulaski (SouthWest)	190	66	114	6	1	0	3
	Area Total	993	350	627	7	2	0	7
7	Bradley (Warren)	63	33	26	2	2	0	0
7	Calhoun (Hampton)	13	8	5	0	0	0	0
7	Cleveland (Rison)	26	21	5	0	0	0	0
7	Dallas (Fordyce)	22	6	16	0	0	0	0
7	Grant (Sheridan)	45	45	0	0	0	0	0
7	Jefferson (Pine Bluff)	349	76	267	2	1	1	2
7	Lincoln (Star City)	16	7	8	1	0	0	0
7	Lonoke (Lonoke)	82	71	11	0	0	0	0
7	Prairie (DeValls Bluff)	10	10	0	0	0	0	0
	Area Total	626	277	338	5	3	1	2
8	Clay (Piggott & Corning)	42	42	0	0	0	0	0
8	Craighead (Jonesboro)	114	91	23	0	0	0	0
8	Fulton (Salem)	42	36	6	0	0	0	0
8	Greene (Paragould)	67	58	6	0	1	0	2
8	Izard (Melbourne)	21	21	0	0	0	0	0
8	Lawrence (Walnut Ridge)	33	33	0	0	0	0	0
8	Mississippi (Blytheville)	49	15	32	0	0	0	2
8	Mississippi (Osceola)	58	29	28	0	0	0	1
8	Randolph (Pocahontas)	26	26	0	0	0	0	0
8	Sharp (Ash Flat)	42	35	5	0	0	2	0
	Area Total	494	386	100	0	1	2	5
9	Cleburne (Heber Springs)	45	31	13	0	0	1	0
9	Crittenden (West Memphis)	53	11	39	0	0	0	3
9	Cross (Wynne)	24	14	9	0	1	0	0
9	Independence (Batesville)	93	89	4	0	0	0	0
9	Jackson (Newport)	26	16	10	0	0	0	0
9	Poinsett (Harrisburg)	50	34	15	0	0	1	0
9	Stone (Mountain View)	15	15	0	0	0	0	0
9	White (Searcy)	71	57	9	0	1	4	0
9	Woodruff (Augusta)	5	3	2	0	0	0	0
	Area Total	382	270	101	0	2	6	3

Area	County	Total	White	Black	Asian	Island	Indian	Unknown
10	Arkansas (Dewitt)	22	13	9	0	0	0	0
10	Arkansas (Stuttgart)	16	10	5	1	0	0	0
10	Ashley (Hamburg)	77	19	56	0	0	0	2
10	Chicot (Lake Village)	49	12	37	0	0	0	0
10	Desha (McGehee)	59	14	44	0	0	0	1
10	Drew (Monticello)	90	45	43	0	0	0	2
10	Lee (Marianna)	60	3	57	0	0	0	0
10	Monroe (Brinkley)	19	4	14	0	0	1	0
10	Phillips (Helena)	63	9	53	0	1	0	0
10	St. Francis (Forrest City)	57	16	40	0	0	1	0
	Area Total	512	145	358	1	1	2	5
99	State Office	31	19	9	0	0	3	0
	Statewide Total*	6,397	4,151	2,063	30	26	66	61

*Children may have more than one ethnicity selected. As a result, the total seen here (6,397) is greater than totals seen in other foster care demographic tables in this section (6,102).

Note: These characteristics represent the number of children served during the year, not the number in care at any given point in time.

Length of Time Children are in Foster Care

Of the 6,102 children in foster care during SFY 2002, 65 percent were in care less than one year.

Table 13:
Length of Time Children are in Foster Care
SFY 2002

Area	County	Client Total	Under 30 days	30-90 days	3-6 mos	7-12 mos	13-24 mos	25-36 mos	Over 36 mos
1	Benton (Bentonville)	265	102	23	22	49	38	18	13
1	Carroll (Berryville)	38	15	3	2	2	14	1	1
1	Madison (Huntsville)	33	3	4	5	7	10	1	3
1	Washington (Fayetteville)	384	75	44	36	77	83	40	29
	Area Total	720	195	74	65	135	145	60	46
2	Crawford (Van Buren)	144	31	25	23	23	20	11	11
2	Franklin (Ozark)	46	11	9	6	6	11	2	1
2	Johnson (Clarksville)	48	6	12	11	6	2	6	5
2	Logan (Paris)	40	9	6	5	4	5	1	10
2	Scott (Waldron)	43	11	17	4	2	4	5	0
2	Sebastian (Fort Smith)	468	40	74	64	65	111	49	65
2	Yell (Danville)	15	10	4	0	1	0	0	0
	Area Total	804	118	147	113	107	153	74	92
3	Clark (Arkadelphia)	40	9	4	10	4	5	0	8
3	Garland (Hot Springs)	244	53	37	37	44	48	8	17
3	Hot Spring (Malvern)	43	11	6	4	6	8	6	2
3	Howard (Nashville)	73	18	8	18	11	7	5	6
3	Montgomery (Mount Ida)	28	11	6	7	1	0	1	2
3	Pike (Murfreesboro)	11	1	3	3	2	2	0	0
3	Polk (Mena)	57	15	5	5	11	12	3	6
3	Saline (Benton)	112	20	29	8	17	21	10	7
	Area Total	608	138	98	92	96	103	33	48
4	Columbia (Magnolia)	53	28	6	1	3	5	3	7
4	Hempstead (Hope)	64	9	8	15	5	11	4	12
4	Lafayette (Lewisville)	6	0	1	2	0	0	3	0
4	Little River (Ashdown)	16	4	3	3	1	1	3	1
4	Miller (Texarkana)	112	18	19	12	22	20	9	12
4	Nevada (Prescott)	14	6	6	0	0	1	0	1
4	Ouachita (Camden)	54	17	3	2	11	9	5	7
4	Sevier (DeQueen)	29	6	6	2	9	2	3	1
4	Union (El Dorado)	76	15	5	2	10	24	5	15
	Area Total	424	103	57	39	61	73	35	56
5	Baxter (Mountain Home)	87	25	14	6	23	3	9	7
5	Boone (Harrison)	63	21	6	10	14	6	6	0
5	Conway (Morrilton)	25	14	9	0	1	0	1	0
5	Faulkner (Conway)	168	41	41	19	31	31	2	3
5	Marion (Yellville)	44	7	6	7	7	6	3	8
5	Newton (Jasper)	44	5	10	14	6	4	3	2

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Area	County	Client Total	Under 30 days	30-90 days	3-6 mos	7-12 mos	13-24 mos	25-36 mos	Over 36 mos
5	Pope (Russellville)	143	34	12	12	24	26	22	13
5	Searcy (Marshall)	20	5	4	5	4	1	1	0
5	Van Buren (Clinton)	40	10	7	4	6	1	9	3
	Area Total	634	162	109	77	116	78	56	36
6	Pulaski (East)	92	6	7	3	12	15	17	32
6	Pulaski (Jxvllle)	145	10	28	22	31	31	7	16
6	Pulaski (North)	240	25	27	25	35	57	20	51
6	Pulaski (South)	297	57	27	22	38	50	37	66
6	Pulaski (SouthWest)	177	27	23	11	34	37	21	24
	Area Total	951	125	112	83	150	190	102	189
7	Bradley (Warren)	57	1	9	3	7	17	10	10
7	Calhoun (Hampton)	11	4	1	0	3	1	0	2
7	Cleveland (Rison)	25	10	7	1	0	5	0	2
7	Dallas (Fordyce)	22	2	6	3	4	2	0	5
7	Grant (Sheridan)	45	10	10	5	5	5	8	2
7	Jefferson (Pine Bluff)	343	82	58	39	36	45	36	47
7	Lincoln (Star City)	16	6	5	1	1	1	0	2
7	Lonoke (Lonoke)	80	29	13	12	6	7	8	5
7	Prairie (DeValls Bluff)	10	1	4	0	1	4	0	0
	Area Total	609	145	113	64	63	87	62	75
8	Clay (Piggott & Corning)	42	7	9	2	7	6	7	4
8	Craighead (Jonesboro)	106	19	18	12	23	24	6	4
8	Fulton (Salem)	42	3	2	2	5	15	6	9
8	Greene (Paragould)	64	4	14	6	14	16	8	2
8	Izard (Melbourne)	21	4	2	6	8	1	0	0
8	Lawrence (Walnut Ridge)	33	6	4	5	6	9	2	1
8	Mississippi (Blytheville)	46	15	6	14	5	2	0	4
8	Mississippi (Osceola)	56	10	16	10	14	1	2	3
8	Randolph (Pocahontas)	26	8	2	4	5	5	1	1
8	Sharp (Ash Flat)	37	5	5	4	6	9	4	4
	Area Total	473	81	78	65	93	88	36	32
9	Cleburne (Heber Springs)	44	7	12	6	3	4	12	0
9	Crittenden (West Memphis)	53	23	12	2	0	9	4	3
9	Cross (Wynne)	23	0	5	6	1	11	0	0
9	Independence (Batesville)	89	21	13	18	19	10	6	2
9	Jackson (Newport)	26	5	6	4	1	4	2	4
9	Poinsett (Harrisburg)	46	5	4	11	12	7	1	6
9	Stone (Mountain View)	15	13	0	0	0	2	0	0
9	White (Searcy)	63	14	7	6	12	13	8	3
9	Woodruff (Augusta)	5	1	0	1	2	1	0	0
	Area Total	364	89	59	54	50	61	33	18

Area	County	Client Total	Under 30 days	30-90 days	3-6 mos	7-12 mos	13-24 mos	25-36 mos	Over 36 mos
10	Arkansas (Dewitt)	22	8	7	0	1	1	3	2
10	Arkansas (Stuttgart)	15	4	3	2	0	4	2	0
10	Ashley (Hamburg)	75	6	14	12	8	13	10	12
10	Chicot (Lake Village)	49	4	6	4	11	12	5	7
10	Desha (McGehee)	59	4	5	10	11	16	7	6
10	Drew (Monticello)	85	9	6	9	22	13	11	15
10	Lee (Marianna)	59	0	1	1	0	8	16	33
10	Monroe (Brinkley)	18	1	2	1	6	1	5	2
10	Phillips (Helena)	56	6	9	13	7	12	2	7
10	St. Francis (Forrest City)	51	3	5	1	7	10	9	16
	Area Total	489	45	58	53	73	90	70	100
99	State Office	26	2	5	4	4	7	1	3
	Statewide Total	6,102	1,203	910	709	948	1,075	562	695

*These characteristics represent the number of children served during the year, not the number in care at any given point in time. The lengths of stay for these children were arrived at by determining the number of days between a child's entry date into foster care and his/her exit date from foster care, or the end of the fiscal year, whichever came first.

Section III: Adoption

Characteristics of Children

There were 487 children placed in adoptive homes during SFY 2002, up from 392 in SFY 2001. The following tables show the breakdowns of these children by age, gender and race.¹³

Table 14:
Characteristics of Children Placed in Adoptive Homes
SFY 2002

Age	Number of Children
0 to 5 years	207
6 to 11 years	166
12 to 18 years	105
Total*	478

Gender	Number of Children
Male	226
Female	252
Total*	478

Race	Number of Children
Caucasian	312
African-American	168
Other	7
Total*	487

* Demographic information have not been entered into CHRIS for 17 children. As a result, they are not represented in the table above, bringing the number of children whose demographic data can be represented to 461. However, children may have more than one ethnicity selected. As a result, the total number of children shown in the table above (487) is greater than the actual number of children whose demographics can be represented.

¹³ The Division's Quality Assurance Unit provided the data for the characteristics of children placed in adoptive homes and the characteristics of children waiting for adoption. The Division's Adoptions Unit provided all other information in this adoption section.

Special Needs

There were 187 children with special needs who were placed during SFY 2002. The following table outlines the number of children by specific need. The number of children will exceed 187, due to the fact that many of the children had more than one special need condition.

Table 15:
Children with Special Needs Who Were Placed in Adoptive Homes
SFY 2002

Special Need Condition	Number of Children
Race	66
Age	141
Medical problems	85
Emotional problems	60
Learning problems	0
Member of sibling group	120

Subsidized Adoptions

There were 336 new subsidized adoptions approved in SFY 2002, with 278 federally funded and 58 state funded.

Disruptions

A disruption of an adoptive placement occurs when a family who had accepted a child for adoption decides not to proceed with finalization and the child is removed from the home. Sixteen disruptions occurred in SFY 2002, compared to 13 disruptions in the previous fiscal year.

Non-Foster Parent Adoptive Homes

- Awaiting Children at the Beginning of the Year124
- New Homes Approved During the Year127
- Total During the Year306
- Homes in Which Children Were Placed During the Year.....103
- Approved Adoptive Homes Closed at the End of the Year9
- Number of Homes Awaiting Children.....189

Children Waiting for Adoption

There are currently 513 children waiting for adoption. The following table describes the demographics of these children.

Table 16:
Characteristics of Children Waiting for Adoption
SFY 2002

Age	Gender	White	Black	Asian	AIAN	NAPI	Other	Total
0 to 1	<i>Female</i>	10	5	0	0	0	0	15
	<i>Male</i>	6	4	0	0	0	0	10
2 to 5	<i>Female</i>	46	24	0	0	0	0	70
	<i>Male</i>	32	14	0	1	0	0	47
6 to 11	<i>Female</i>	46	30	0	1	0	0	77
	<i>Male</i>	67	52	0	0	0	0	119
12 to 15	<i>Female</i>	53	31	1	1	1	0	87
	<i>Male</i>	49	25	1	1	0	0	76
16 to 18	<i>Female</i>	11	4	0	0	0	0	15
	<i>Male</i>	17	7	0	1	0	0	25
Total		337	196	2	5	1	0	541

*Demographic data have not been entered into CHRIS for 2 children. As a result, they are not represented in the table above, bringing the number of children whose demographic data can be represented to 511. However, children may have more than one ethnicity selected. As a result, the total number of children shown in the table above (541) is greater than the actual number of children whose demographics can be represented .